In re Application of: Mirkin et al. Serial No. 09/976,900 Filed: October 12, 2001 For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides Campulation of: Bexaminer: J. Riley Group Art Unit: 1637 Confirmation No.: 3590

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 00-713-i23)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Attached Thereto and Uses Therefor

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated January 8, 2004. A Notice of appeal, a Petition for an extension of time (three months), and requisite fees are attached. Please amend this application as shown below.